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Additional inventors are being named on the \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.

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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR  
DESIGN  
PATENT APPLICATION  
(37 CFR 1.63)**

Declaration  
Submitted  
with Initial  
Filing

OR

Declaration  
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Filing (surcharge  
(37 CFR 1.16 (e))  
required)

Attorney Docket Number	38898-0047
First Name of Inventor	OULD-BRAHIM, Hamid
<b>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</b>	
Application Number	
Filing Date	
Art Unit	
Examiner Name	

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**HIERARCHICAL OPTICAL VPNs IN A CARRIER'S CARRIER VPN ENVIRONMENT**

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

is attached hereto

OR

was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY)   as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number   and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY)   (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

Prior Foreign Application Number(s)	Country	Foreign Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Priority Not Claimed	Certified Copy Attached? YES	Certified Copy Attached? NO
60/396,899	United States	07/17/2002	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/>

Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto:

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**APPENDIX B-9**

PATENT/DOCKET NO. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of:	§	Attorney Docket No. 38898-0047
	§	
Serial No.: n/a	§	
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Filed: Herewith	§	Group Art Unit: n/a
	§	
Title: HIERARCHICAL OPTICAL VPNS	§	Examiner: n/a
(HOVPN) IN A CARRIER'S	§	
CARRIER VPN ENVIRONMENT	§	

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**POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
PATENT APPLICATION**

Nortel Networks Limited, a Canadian corporation having principal offices at:

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the owner by assignment of the entire right, title and interest to the invention for HIERARCHICAL OPTICAL VPNS (HOVPN) IN A CARRIER'S CARRIER VPN ENVIRONMENT, by OULD-BRAHIM, Hamid and in and to the application for patent and any Letters Patent, whether domestic or foreign, that may issue thereon, hereby appoints the following attorneys and/or agents to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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The undersigned is the representative for the Assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above, and is authorized to act on behalf of the Assignee.

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July 15 2003  
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Applicant: Nortel Networks Limited  
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Executed: July 16, 2003

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The undersigned, W. Charles Kent, Registration No. 26135, and William R. Edgar, Registration No. 27522, principal attorneys and/or agents appointed to prosecute this application hereby appoint as their associate attorney and/or agent to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:

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